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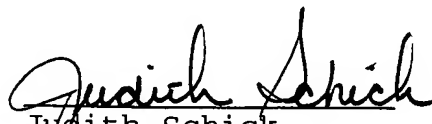
Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants wish to bring the references, listed on the attached form PTO-1449 and enclosed herewith, to the attention of the Examiner. The references (or equivalents) were cited in the International Search Report mailed 21 AUG. 2000 by the European Patent Office, a copy of which is enclosed herewith. Specification page 7 refers to Müller/Papst DE 23 46 380 but, for the convenience of the English-speaking reader, the equivalent USP 3,873,897 is furnished instead. The specification refers to the I<sup>2</sup>C bus, so the relevant MOELANDS US patent is furnished. Further, the abstract of Japanese reference is in English, so its relevance is readily apparent. Therefore, this submission complies with MPEP § 609.

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**REMARKS**

The references are in English, so their relevance is readily apparent. No representation is made that more pertinent, although presently unknown, art does not exist. It is anticipated that the Examiner will conduct a thorough search of the prior art and will carefully consider the documents submitted herewith.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to **return an initialled copy** of form PTO-1449, to confirm that the references have been considered.

Early examination and allowance of the present application are respectfully solicited. No fee is believed required; if any is required, it may be charged to Deposit Account No. 23-0442.

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